

DAVIS' GRATUITY.

London Correspondent Says Kruger Gave Him \$125,000.

HIS ORATORY WAS EXPECTED

To Insure Bryan's Election—Credited With Great Power—Says South African War Was Born a Holland Intrigue and Ended in an American Intrigue.

New York Herald: Douglas Story, a well known writer and newspaper correspondent, who remained in the Transvaal throughout the Boer war and who was in close touch with the Pretoria authorities and also in full sympathy with them, and some of whose letters were published in the London Daily Mail, with an apology as from a pro-Boer correspondent, contributes to that paper an article stating that Mr. Webster Davis, former assistant secretary of the interior, received from the Transvaal government a sum of \$25,000 (\$125,000).

Mr. Story's article is, in part, as follows:

"The South African war was born in a Holland intrigue, was maintained by a variety of continental intrigues, and will be buried in an American intrigue. The history of these intrigues is sordid and commonplace, the narrative of a few men gambling with the lives of nations to secure themselves a paltry money profit.

"One of the most sordid of these conspiracies is that whereby the Boer statesmen hoped to secure the return of Mr. Bryan to the United States presidency, and so purchase his active interference on behalf of the Transvaal in the settlement negotiations with Great Britain. Mean and paltry as are the innermost workings of this intrigue, its effects are of the gravest import to the destinies of Great Britain and the United States.

"At the commencement of the war the United States was represented at Cape Town by Col. Stowe, a prudent and honorable American gentleman; at Pretoria by Mr. Charles E. Macrum, a man of slight education and no social standing, and at Lourenco Marques by Mr. Hollis, a little man, who had been in trouble with the authorities for ill treatment of natives on the east coast, and who was in no sense persona grata with the leading American citizens of the port.

Mr. Macrum's Dilemma.

"With the commencement of war Mr. Hollis set to work as agent of the Transvaal government and bought large consignments of sugar and other contraband goods. These were forwarded to Pretoria, where his consular colleagues manipulated their dispersal. In this way a comfortable commercial business was organized for these gentlemen.

"But with the war came an increase of responsibility for Mr. Macrum. Acting on instructions from his department of state, he was forced to take over the guardianship of British interests. The awkward nature of his new trust will be understood when it is realized that Mr. Macrum was the closest personal friend of Mr. Reitz, the state secretary, and a trusted adviser of the Boer government in its diplomatic dealings with Great Britain. In due course he found his position impossible.

"Some little time before the outbreak of hostilities there arrived in Pretoria an American called Easton who had recently been private secretary to Webster Davis, an American politician, who held an unimportant official position. Mr. Easton's traveling expenses to Pretoria were defrayed by Davis, and he was in reality the avant-courier of that gentleman. On his arrival he became the guest of Mr. Macrum at the American consulate.

"After many consultations with Mr. Reitz and Mr. Smuts, the state attorney, Messrs. Macrum and Easton decided on a course of action. On November 7 Mr. Macrum cabled to Mr. Hay, secretary of state, demanding permission to visit America, and suggesting an American named Atterbury as locum tenens. Mr. Hay refused, but the course of events and further cables from Mr. Macrum showed it was not desirable that he should be kept in Pretoria, and he was accordingly replaced by Mr. Hay's own son.

Davis Hailed as Boer's Savior.

"Mr. Macrum and Mr. Easton left

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Pretoria for the United States. They passed Mr. Webster Davis en route. That now famous 'American envoy' reached Pretoria on January 24. In the Boer capital he speedily attained to a remarkable popularity. To assist his dignity, he was frequently introduced as the United States secretary of state, and the rumor was assiduously circulated that Mr. McKinley owed his success at the last presidential election wholly to his electioneering.

"In him was recognized the savior of the Boers, and daily he was received in secret audience in the government buildings. At those councils were also present Mr. Schalk Burger, Mr. Worsman, the peace envoy and State Attorney Smuts. The result of these conferences was that Mr. Webster Davis received from the Boer government a handsome gratuity, in return for which he was to set the United States afire with enthusiasm for the Boers.

"On February 5 Mr. Davis returned to Pretoria, having visited the positions at Ladysmith, and having formed the most enthusiastic impression of the justice of the Boer cause and the burghers' prowess in the field. In a very few days he had left for the United States, the riches by a fortnight's experience of South African politics and \$25,000 in Transvaal gold.

"Before I had waded through the vast amount of evidence that justifies me in writing this article I was greatly astonished at the value which the Transvaal statesmen placed upon Mr. Davis' mediation in America. Mr. Reitz assured me that it was to Mr. Davis' oratory Mr. McKinley owed the presidential chair. Mr. Smuts and Mr. Gribler said that upon him depended the hope of United States intervention. A week after his departure signed photographs of Mr. Davis lay in the drawing rooms of all of the heads of departments in Pretoria.

Expected Him to Insure Bryan's Victory.

"The theory upon which the Boers founded their faith was that in the United States is a large anti-English public composed of Germans and Irishmen. All these were, by assumption, pro-Boers. If Mr. Webster Davis, with his fine oratorical gifts and happy ignorance of South Africa, could arouse them to a false enthusiasm, Mr. Bryan's election would be a certainty, and his intervention on behalf of the Boers an assured corollary. And so to-day such Boers as are still fighting remain in the field to await the announcements of the polls on November 6.

"The Boers, however, did not rest content with this heavy disbursement. They dispatched Mr. Montagu White, recently consul for the South African republic in London, with some £200,000 to expend on pro-Boer meetings in the United States. That money has been widely circulated in America and the purchase of American sympathy has not been an absolutely worthless bargain."

Memorandum Purporting to Show Payment to Mr. Davis.

For some weeks past reports of a character similar to the statements contained in the preceding article have been floating around newspaper offices in the United States. American correspondents who have returned from South Africa declared that they had seen at Pretoria a memorandum which purported to show that Mr. Webster Davis had accepted gratuity from the Transvaal executive.

BRAVE BLACK MAN.

Afro-American Soldiers and Their Valor Lauded by Governor Roosevelt—Believes They Saved the Nation.

Gov. Theodore Roosevelt has explained to a reporter his reported antipathy to the Afro-American soldier. In Scribner's Magazine for April, 1899, there appeared an article by Mr. Roosevelt, which the Democrats assert reflects on the bravery of the Afro-American soldier. This article has been used as a campaign document and has been widely circulated among the Afro-American people of the country. "The Democrats have attempted to make a mountain out of a mole hill," said Gov. Roosevelt. "In the article referred to I made mention of an incident.

Case of a Captain's Order.

"I had orders to hold a certain position and was supported by the Tenth cavalry (Afro-American). The position was uncertain and we needed every man available to make the stand. Two or three of the Afro-American soldiers started to the rear in search of water, as ordered by their captain. I rebuked the captain for lessening our force and commanded the men to remain. The statement I made after that, so near as I can remember was, 'I have orders to hold this hill, and I intend to do it. I will shoot any man that gives up this position.'

Praises Black Men's Bravery.

"My position with the Afro-American people is too well known for these political tricksters to undermine it. I would be the last man in the world to say anything against the Afro-American soldier, because I know of his bravery and his character. He saved my life at Santiago and I have had occasion to say so in many articles and speeches. The Rough Riders were in a bad position when the Ninth and Tenth cavalry came rushing up the hill carrying everything before them.

"The Afro-American soldier has the faculty of coming to the front when he is needed most. In the civil war he came 400,000 strong, and I believe he saved the Union." He has done excellent work in all of the Indian campaigns and while I was in the west I had a number of opportunities of witnessing his wonderful work. He saved a massacre of the Seventh in 1890.

Their Help at San Juan Hill.

"At San Juan hill the Afro-American soldiers rendered an object lesson to all of the soldiers assembled there. They sang and fought and pushed the lagging troops up the hill and the great victory at that point was theirs as much if not more than any of the soldiers there.

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"IMPERIALISM"

How It was Howled About by the Democratic Press in 1863 and 1864. History Repeats Itself.

Bryan's wild alarmist talk about imperialism, his 'pet scarecrow issue,' is wonderfully like the talk of the Democratic papers in 1864, says the Omaha Bee, when Lincoln was a candidate for re-election and the Democratic orators abused him far more viciously than they now abuse McKinley. Here are a few quotations from Democratic papers thirty-six years ago:

Editorial in the Cincinnati Enquirer, October 10, 1864: The latter (our government, cannot endure another four years' reign of Abraham Lincoln. He has already destroyed the substance of liberty and long before 1865 we would cease to have the form of free institutions. If he is triumphant we may bid a long farewell to the American republic.

Editorial in Cincinnati Enquirer, October 5, 1864: There will be the most cordial relations between France and the United States should Lincoln be re-elected. The two imperialists will harmonize admirably.

Editorial in Cincinnati Enquirer, July 6, 1864: Lincoln is fast assuming all the state of a crowned monarch, while he exercises powers that not a despot in Europe would dare to resort to.

Crawford County Forum, September 25, 1863: The present crisis demands of every faithful and patriotic citizen his best exertions in the cause of civil liberty and constitutional rights. The issues in this campaign are momentous. Shall the republic live and the constitution be sustained? The administration is pulling down the pillars of the republic.

Editorial in Cincinnati Enquirer, July 4, 1864: How many fine and glowing periods have we rounded off in favor of the doctrine of the Declaration of Independence—that all just governments derive their power from the consent of the governed. In view of the fact that we are employing millions of men and billions of treasure in the most sanguinary war of modern times to force a government upon an unwilling people.

Editorial in Ohio Statesman, November 3, 1864: Under the administration of Abraham Lincoln the American government has lost most of the features which distinguished it from the despotisms of the old world.

Editorial in Ohio Statesman, July 27, 1864: With the impudence and insolence of a tyrant, who feels himself already master of the country, he thus throws in the faces of the whole people the iron issue—Abraham Lincoln against the people's despotism against the republic.

Editorial in the Ohio Statesman, July 7, 1864: Mr. Garfield is but a sample of the many followers of the present administration who ought to have been born under a monarchy. He is one of the weak-minded, shallow-brained exquisites who would delight in debasing himself before royalty.

Crawford County Forum, October 8, 1863: Our Revolutionary fathers stated their principles in the Declaration of Independence, and to maintain them pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor. They succeeded, and nearly eighty years of prosperity and happiness were given to the country. Our liberty, our lives, our happiness, our prosperity are again assailed; our country is on the verge of everlasting ruin. The glories of the past, the terrors of the present, and the hopes of the future all appeal to us to save this country from ruin and ourselves from despotism.

The following is the opening paragraph of an editorial in the Cincinnati Enquirer, September 23, 1864, under the caption, "An Imperial Crown": "There are many indications that a conspiracy is on foot to make this the last election of President, and convert our government into an imperial monarchy; the whole course of Lincoln's government has been in that direction. He has entirely set aside the constitution and governs by his own will and caprice."

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CONTRAST DRAWN

Between the Principles and Performances of the Republican and Democratic Parties—Trust Question Made Simple—About Labor and Capital.

To the Editor of the Intelligencer.

SIR:—What have we in our platform to be afraid of? What have we in our record but of what we should be proud? Look how every time our nation has gotten down in the slough of Democracy, the Republican party has put its hand to the plow and turned the even furrows of solid government. Look at the condition of our country after two terms of Democratic rule. Business was dead, industry paralyzed, and the nation was in a disastrous condition. There was no such thing as getting hold of capital, the working man was unemployed, and his family distressed and miserable.

Our President took the chair under the worst possible conditions, and look what he has done for us. Confidence soon brought the money to the front. We were not obliged to have 16 to 1 to fill our pockets with silver; that wasn't a receipt calling for one dollar in gold, but by the means of a protective tariff and a law making gold the standard of value, prosperity more general and more abundant has followed.

Value of Government Obligations.

We know the value of every government obligation. Every American dollar is a certificate for one in gold, and the American credit stands higher than that of any other nation to-day. In Mr. Bryan's speech he asked a great many absurd questions, the worst being "do you want your young men slaughtered; sent down in Cuba to be killed?" While the American people have triumphed in business and commerce, they have concluded a war for liberty and human rights and right always wins. Mr. Bryan, I like to answer your questions, so I will say it was a war unsought and patiently resisted, but when it came, our young men were ready, and so was our American government. To ten million of the human race there was given "a new birth of freedom," and the American people a new and noble responsibility.

A Curse and an Enemy.

The Democrat party has always been a curse and an enemy to our nation. What is essential to business prosperity is confidence. That confidence the Democratic party has never earned. We renew our allegiance to the gold standard and declare our confidence in the wisdom of the "legislation of the Fifty-sixth Congress, by which the purity of all our money and the stability of our currency on a gold basis have been secured." We declare our absolute opposition to the free and unlimited coinage of silver.

Bryan asks what ought to be done with trusts? But I have never read in one of his speeches what he will do. Let's look into the trust business for a few minutes. There were thirty-seven trusts formed during Cleveland's terms of office, among them the oil trust, the largest trust in the world to-day, and you will find they pay their men the largest wages, and have put the oil within the reach of consumers. In itself the trust is a blessing; it is a combination of funds enabling us to meet the foreign demand in trade which is rapidly increasing.

Good Example of a Trust.

If I had a small business and wished to increase it, and did not have the capital to do so, but had a friend in the same business who was willing to go in with me, would it be any branch of the law should he accept, so long as we did not hold our goods from the consumer and make exorbitant prices? Well, he might be a two mean business men who would do such a thing; then the Americans would condemn all trust systems. But the Republican party condemns all conspiracies and combinations, intended to restrict business, to create monopolies, to limit production, or to control prices, and will restrain such abuses. They want to protect and promote competition, and secure the rights of all who are engaged in industry and commerce.

Favor Reciprocity.

The Republican party favors the associated policy of reciprocity so direct as to open our markets on favorable terms for what we do not ourselves produce in return for free foreign markets. They also favor a more rigid restriction put on the emigration of cheap labor from foreign lands and the extension of opportunities of education for working children.

The working men are always combining; building iron walls between themselves and capital. Why, if capital did not combine, what would protect them? Labor would get just what it asked for, be it just or unjust.

So the trust is simply one force protecting itself against another and giving the working man better wages, and when confidence is again restored, more work.

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